

ONE-PUNCH MAN

STORY BY ONE ART BY YUSUKE MURATA

PUNCH 171: SECRET INFO

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THE HERO
ASSOCIATION
GAVE HIM
A FORTUNE
FOR A
DEFENSE
SYSTEM...

METAL
KNIGHT
SURE DOES
SHODDY
WORK.

*SIGN: CONTROL ROOM



HE RARELY
RESPONDS
TO URGENT
SUMMONS
THOUGH.

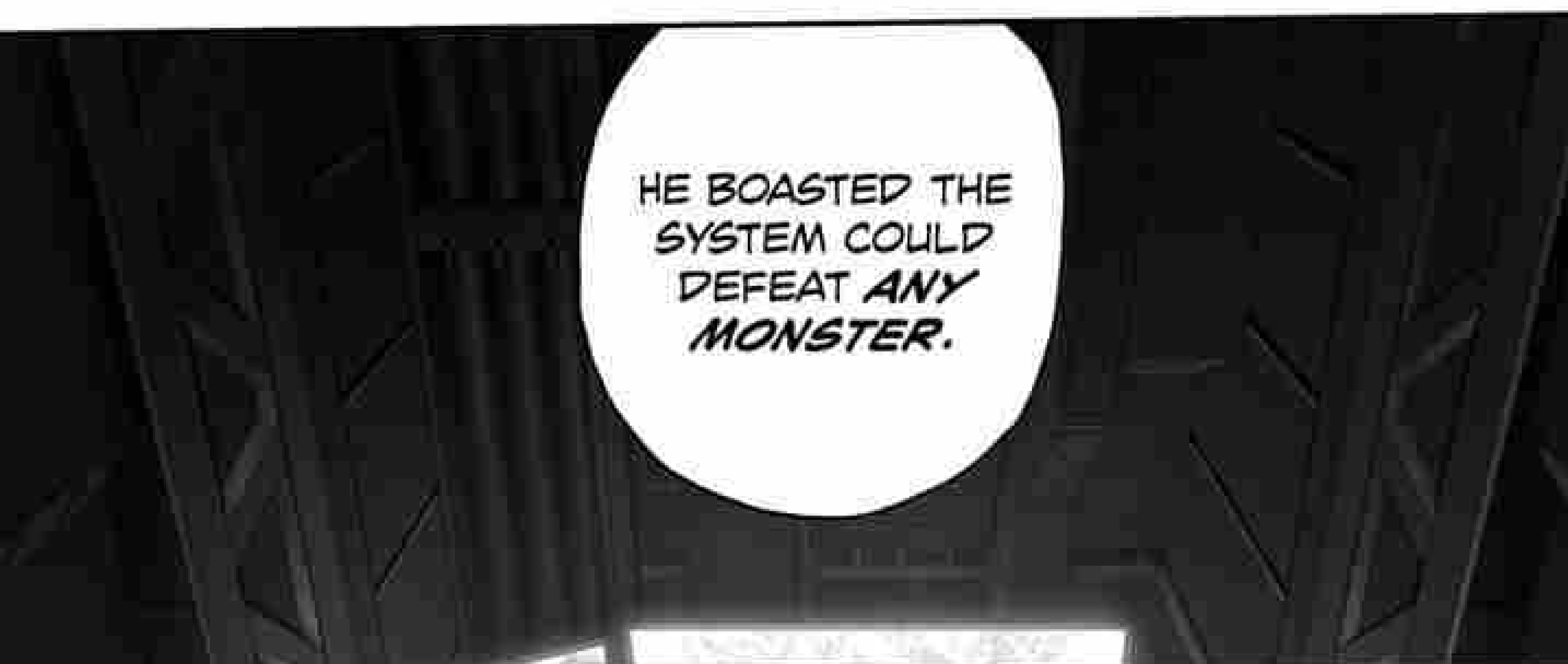
I SENT
HIM THE
SECURITY
CAMERA
FEED...

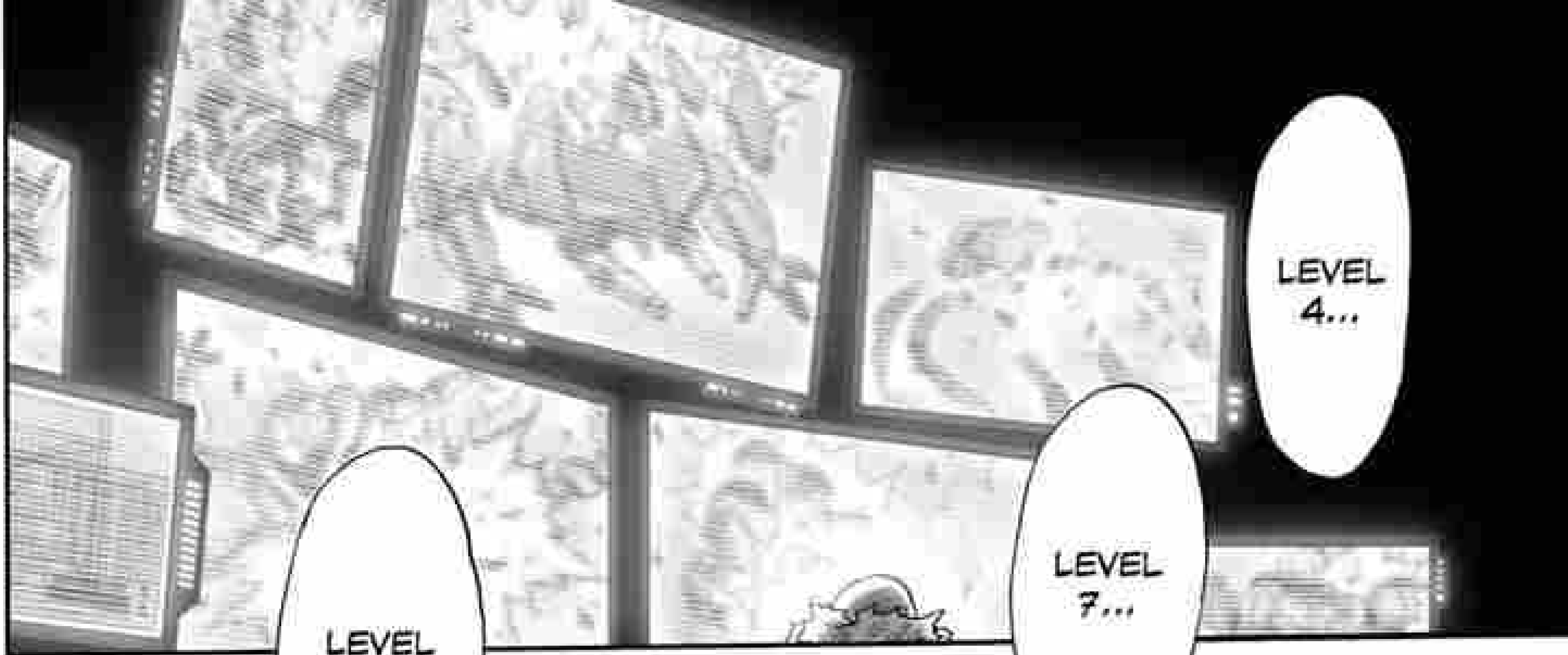
...SO I
WONDER
WHAT
EXCUSE
HE'LL
MAKE.



ALL
THOSE
DONA-
TIONS!
UP IN
SMOKE!

...AND THE
ROBOTS
END UP
EXPLODING
CUZ OF A
MALFUNC-
TION.





LEVEL
4...

LEVEL
7...

LEVEL
9...



LEVEL
10...



EVEN
THOUGH MY
LEVEL 10
ROBOT HAS A
RECORD OF
SUCCESSFULLY
DEFEATING
TWO CAPTURED
THREAT
LEVEL DEMON
MONSTERS
AT ONCE.

SO MY NEW
DEFENSE
SYSTEM WAS
DEFEATED...

WHAT
A SUR-
PRISE.

Dr. Bofoi
(HERO NAME: **METAL KNIGHT**)



PLUS...



...THE
ONE WHO
DESTROYED
THEM
WAS...

...THE
CLASS A,
RANK 39
NOVICE...

...THE
BALD
CAPE.



THAT'S
TOO
FAST!!



HE
ROSE TO
CLASS C
65 DAYS
AGO...

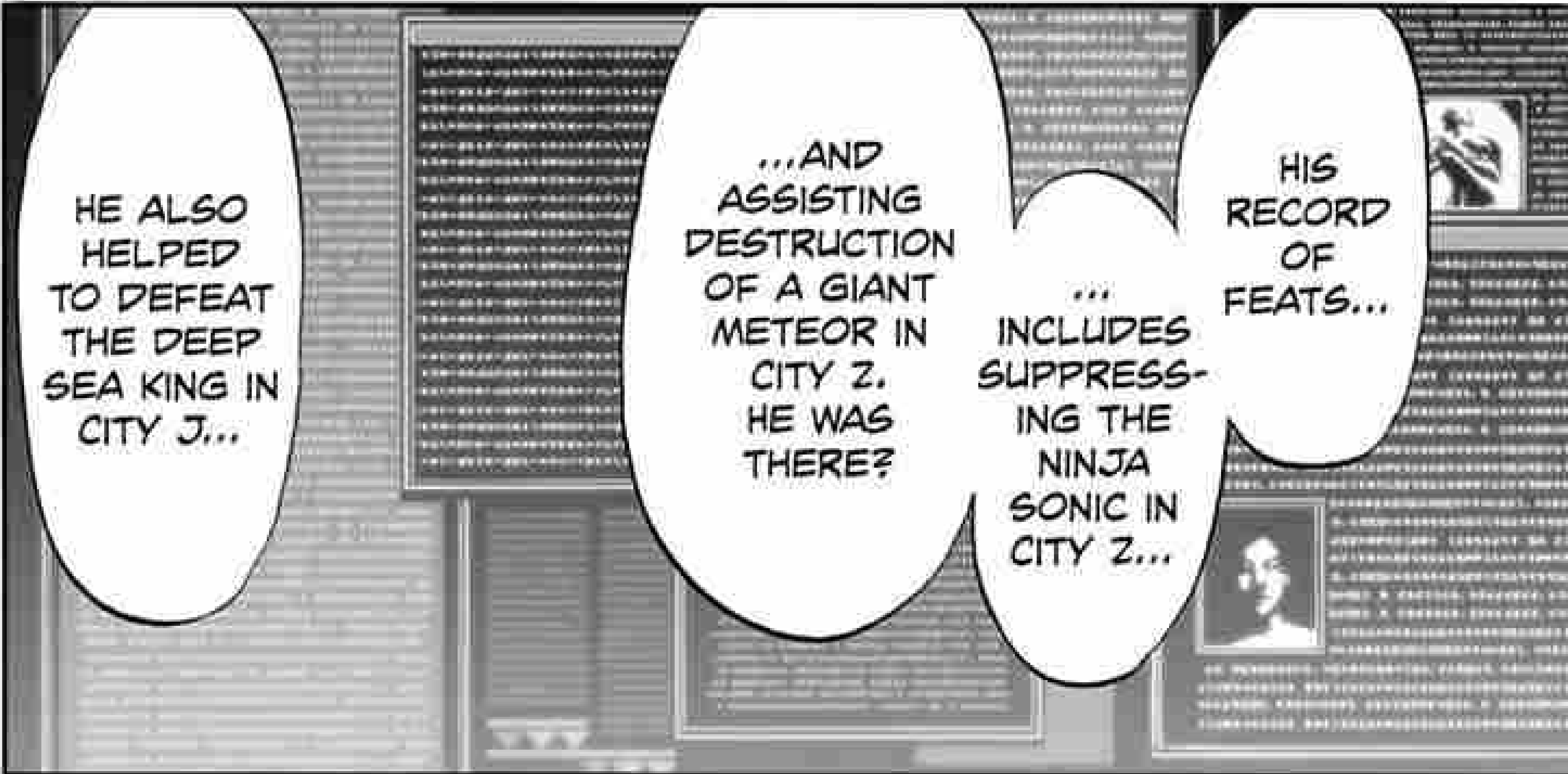
...THEN TO
CLASS B
43 DAYS
AGO...

...AND
THEN TO
CLASS A
JUST TWO
DAYS
AGO!



THEY MAY
BE HIDING
INFO ON
HIM.

I'LL
CHECK THE
ASSOCIATION'S
DATABASE.



HE ALSO
HELPED
TO DEFEAT
THE DEEP
SEA KING IN
CITY J...

...AND
ASSISTING
DESTRUCTION
OF A GIANT
METEOR IN
CITY Z.
HE WAS
THERE?

...
INCLUDES
SUPPRESS-
ING THE
NINJA
SONIC IN
CITY Z...

HIS
RECORD
OF
FEATS...



...AND
THE HUMAN
MONSTER
GARO IN
CITY Z.





"SET
RECORDS
DURING
PHYSICAL
TEST."

BUT
WHAT'S
THIS NOTE
HERE?



IS
THAT
ALL?

SEEMS
LIKE
THE H.A.
DOESN'T
KNOW
MUCH.

ITS
SOUNDS
NORMAL
TO ME.



HOW-
EVER...



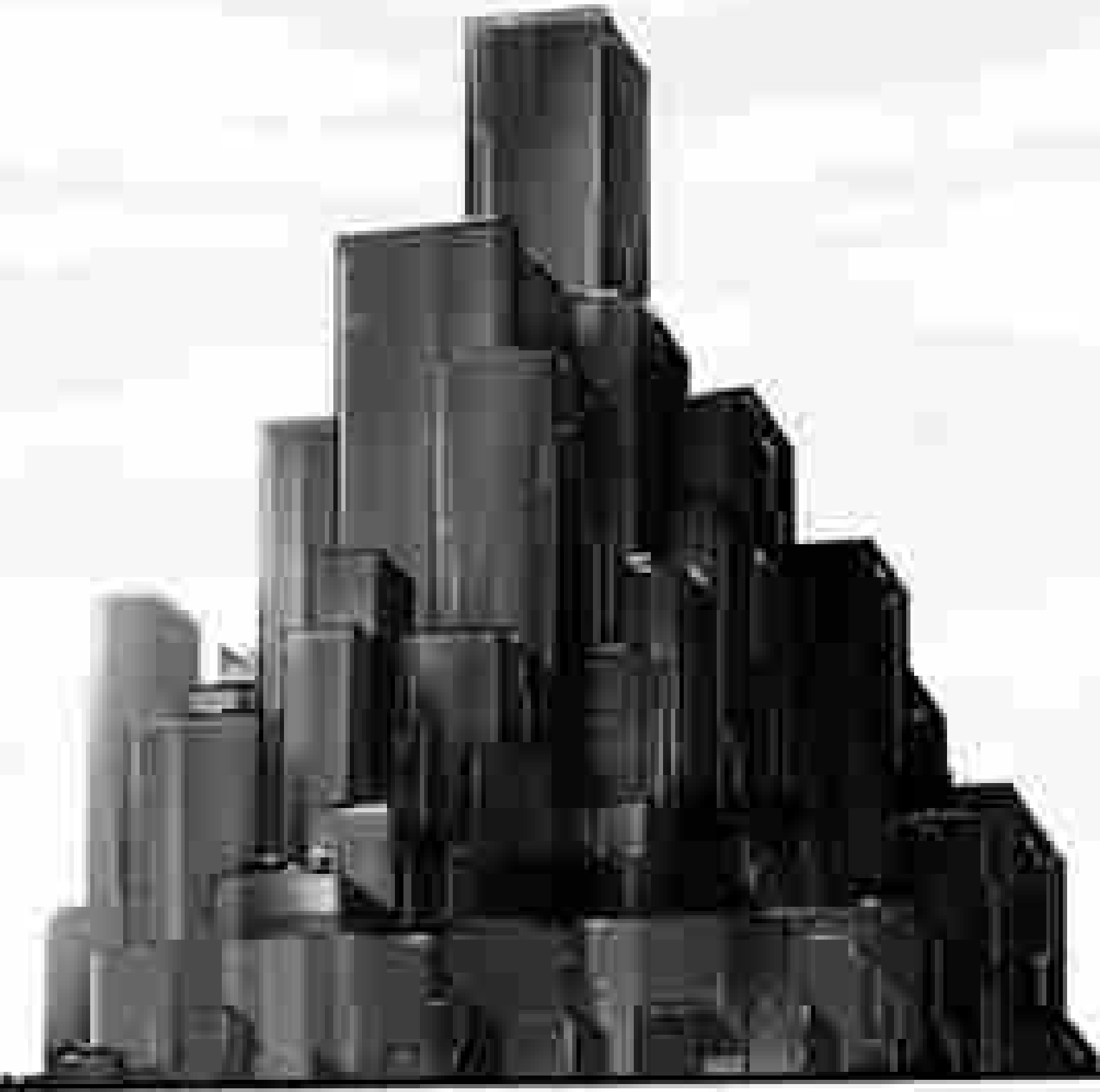
...THIS
FOOTAGE
SUGGESTS
COMBAT
SKILLS AT
CLASS S
OR HIGHER.



JUST
IN CASE
HE EVER
BECOMES MY
ENEMY...



...I SHALL
OBSERVE
HIM.



Two
days
earlier



I SUMMONED
YOU HERE
TODAY...



...AND IT
MAY BE
RELATED
TO THE
PROPHECY
OF DANGER
TO EARTH.

...BECAUSE YOU
REPORTED ODD
PHENOMENA
DURING THE
RAID ON THE
MONSTER
ASSOCIATION...



UNTIL
THEN,
KEEP WHAT
YOU HEAR
TODAY
UNDER
WRAPS.

I NEED
WHAT YOU
KNOW TO
FORMULATE
AN OFFICIAL
OPINION.

UNDER-
STOOD?



...BUT WHY
KEEP IT
SECRET?



I DON'T
MIND...

UNDER-
STOOD.



WE
SHOULD
ISSUE A
WARNING.

AS I
REPORTED,
ANY HERO
COULD
MONSTERIZE
AT ANY
MOMENT.



AN
ANNOUNCE-
MENT NOW
WOULD
ONLY BREED
SUSPICION
AMONG
HEROES
AND THE
POPULACE.

I AGREE,
BUT WE NEED
INFORMATION
AND COUNTER-
MEASURES
BEFORE GOING
PUBLIC.



THE PUBLIC
WOULD PANIC,
FEARING
THE PEOPLE
AROUND THEM
WILL BECOME
MONSTERS.



AMAI
MASK.

DIDN'T
YOU
READ
THE RE-
PORT?

I'M
BUSY
FILM-
ING.



I'M
CON-
FUSED
AND
NEED
MORE
INFO.

WAIT.

ANYONE
CAN BE-
COME A
MONSTER
NOW?



...SO
KEEP IT
SHORT.

I'M HERE
TO OFFER
ADVICE, BUT
MY SCHEDULE
IS PACKED...







BALD CAPE, OCULETTE, AND I ENCOUNTERED *SOMETHING* DEEP UNDERGROUND.



NO, WHY?

WAS THERE ANY COMMUNICATION VIA TELEPATHY?



ANYWAY...

OCULETTE?



COME TO THINK OF IT...

HEY...



...FROM AN UNWORTHY VESSEL.

IT OFFERED POWER BUT THREATENED TO TAKE IT AWAY...

THE MESSAGE CAME STRAIGHT INTO OUR HEADS.



...ONLY
HE COULD
HEAR.

HE DID LOOK
LIKE HE WAS
HEARING
SOMETHING...



IF HIS
DEATH WAS
THE RESULT
OF *LOSING*
POWER, WE
MAY HAVE
ENCOUNTERED
THE SAME
GOD.



AFTER ALL,
*GYORO-
GYORO* WAS
PSYCHIC,
RIGHT?

MAYBE THE
MONSTER
BOSS
DID IT.

GOD,
HUH?



...BLAST
HAS BEEN
FIGHTING THE
GOD YOU'VE
ENCOUNTERED
FOR 20 YEARS.





HE OPERATES WITH HIS PARTNER AND COLLABORATORS...



HE COLLECTS THEM FOR HIS COLLABORATORS TO ANALYZE.

THEY'RE ARTIFACTS SUPPOSEDLY FOR CONTACTING GOD.



THAT BOX...



THEN TWO
YEARS
AGO...



...WHEN
BLAST
ENGAGED
CENTICHORO
...

...*GOD*
CONTACTED
HIM
DIRECTLY.

I DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT!

!

HE REFUSED
THE OFFER
OF POWER
AND FOUGHT
INSTEAD.



...AND OUR
SENSORS
WEREN'T
PICKING UP
ANYTHING.

EVEN THE FULL
MIGHT OF THE
ASSOCIATION
WOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN
VICTORIOUS...



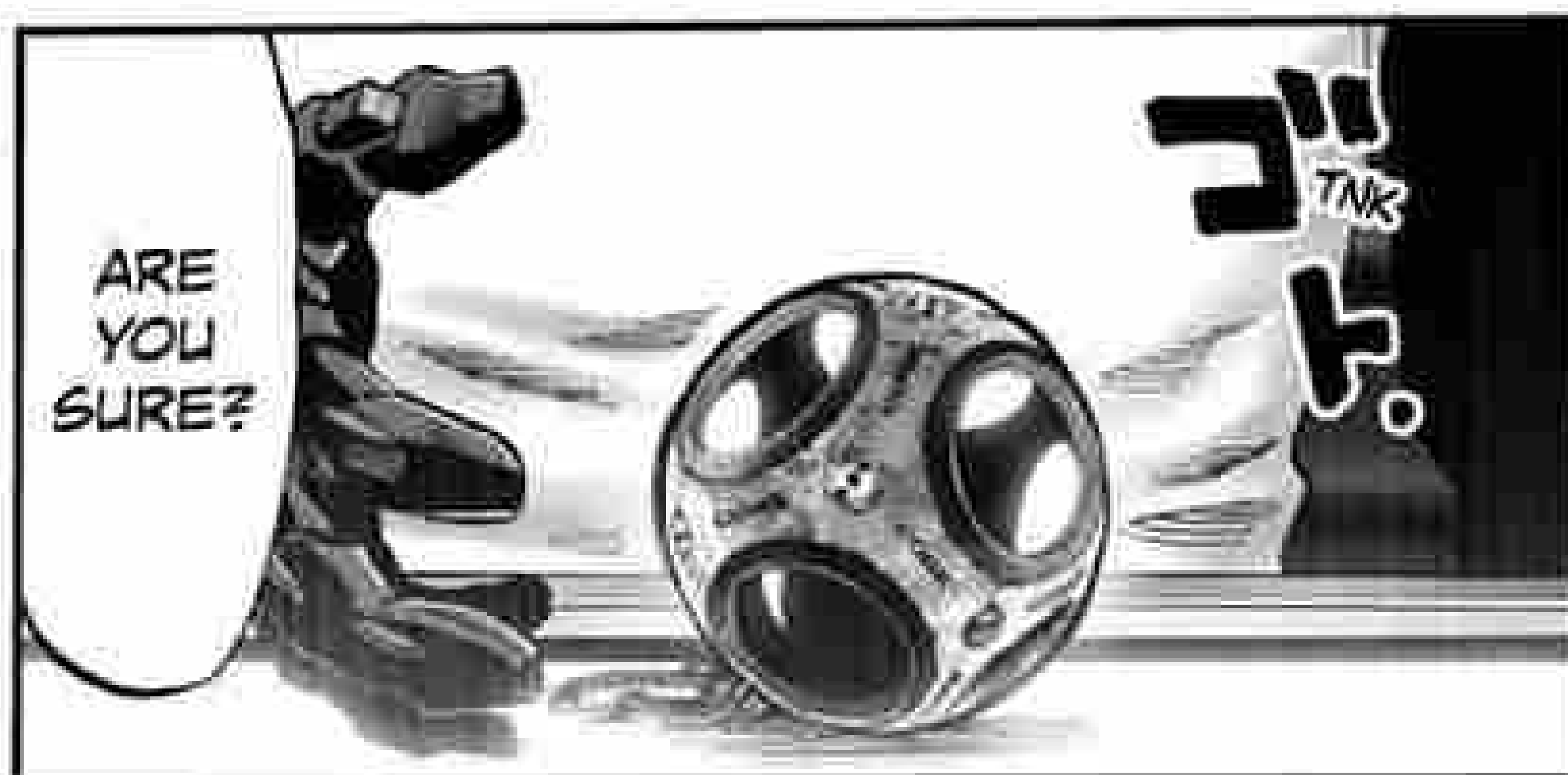
ALTHOUGH...
EVEN IF I HAD
REPORTED THESE
EVENTS TO THE
HIGHER-UPS,
THEY PROBABLY
WOULD HAVE
ASSUMED BLAST
WAS EVADING
RESPONSIBILITY
FOR LETTING
CENTICHORO
ESCAPE.

...SO WE
MADE IT
SEEM LIKE
HE HID
HIMSELF
WITHOUT
SAYING
ANYTHING IN
ORDER TO
PROTECT
EVERYONE.

WE THOUGHT
THAT IF A HERO
WAS UNAWARE
OF THIS "GOD,"
IT MIGHT REDUCE
THE RISK OF
BEING TARGETED,
EVEN IF JUST
SLIGHTLY...

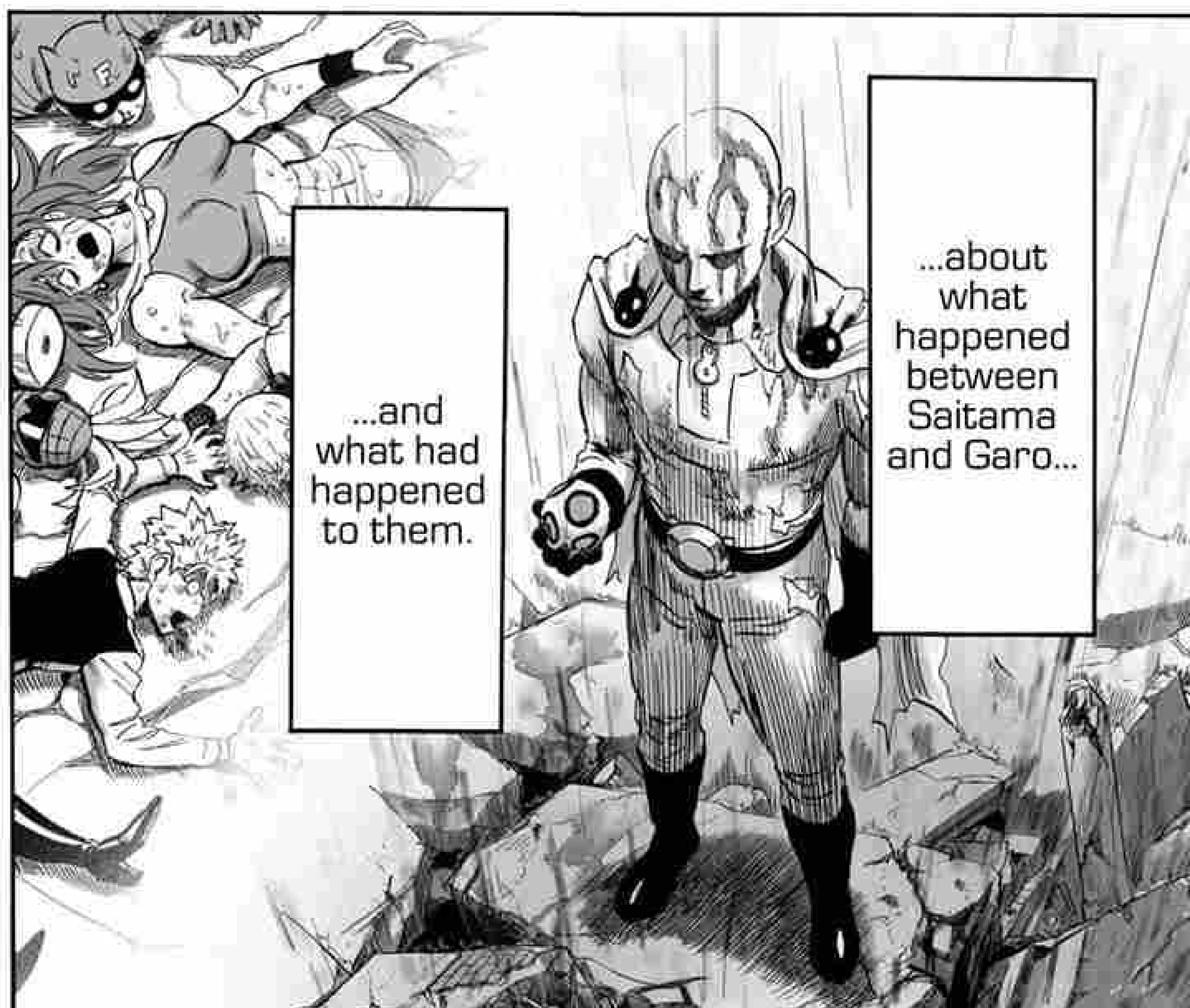






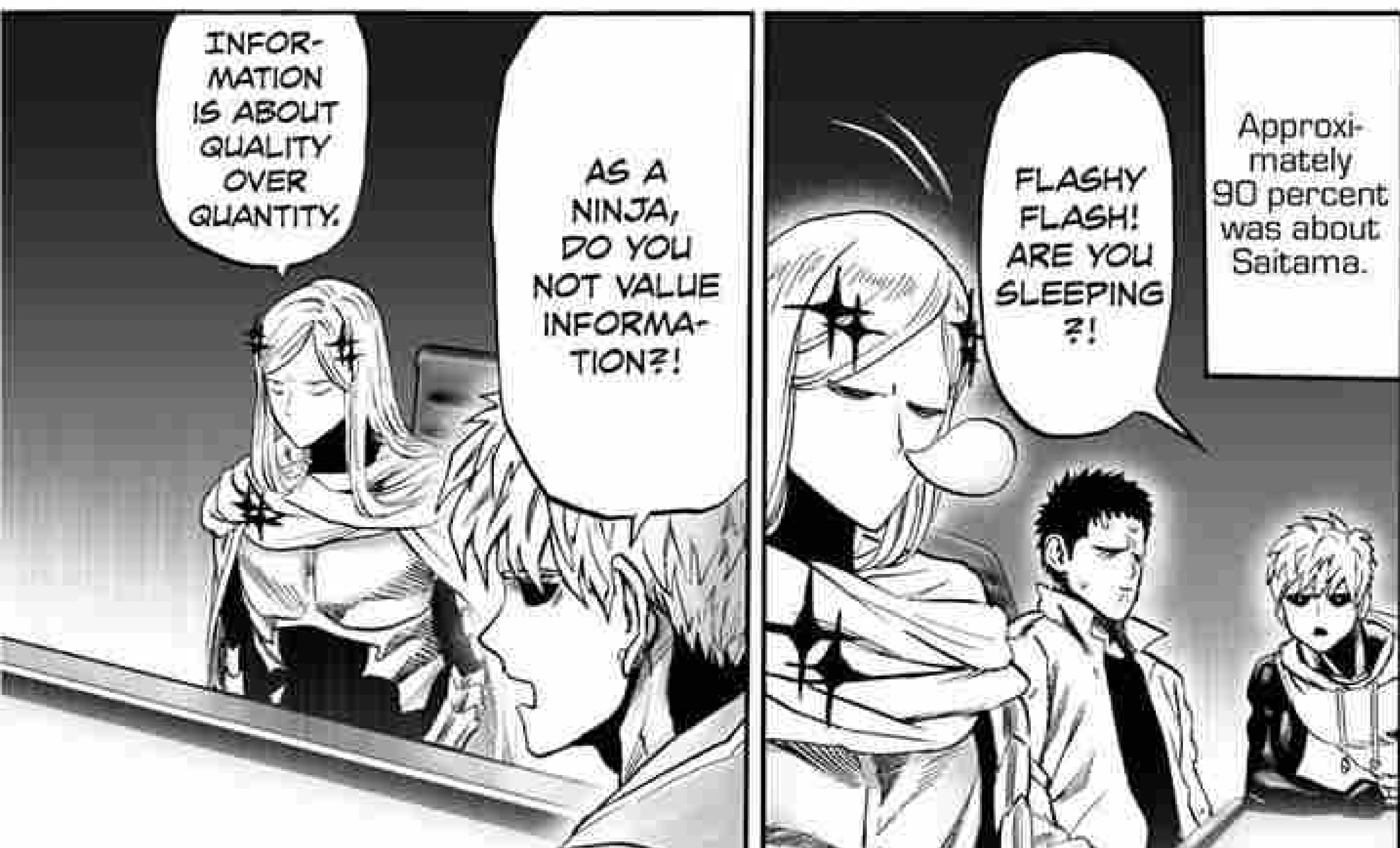


Then
he told
them...



...and
what had
happened
to them.

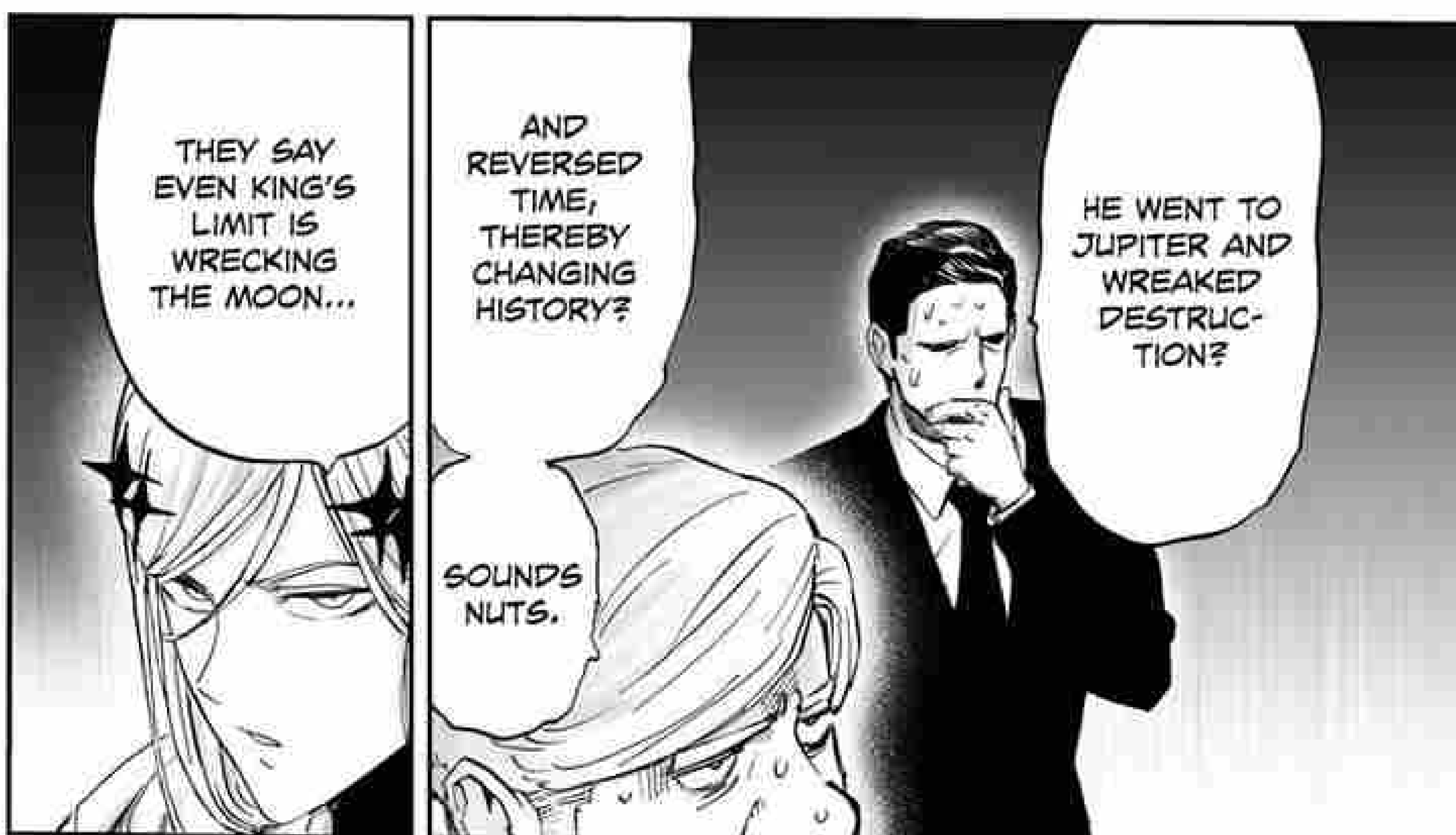
...about
what
happened
between
Saitama
and Garo...





TAKE IT
EASY...

IS
ANYTHING
MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN
MASTER
SAITAMA?



THEY SAY
EVEN KING'S
LIMIT IS
WRECKING
THE MOON...

AND
REVERSED
TIME,
THEREBY
CHANGING
HISTORY?

HE WENT TO
JUPITER AND
WRECKED
DESTRUC-
TION?

SOUNDS
NUTS.



...REALLY
THE ONE
WHO
DEFEATED
GARO? WE
SHOULD
CONFIRM.

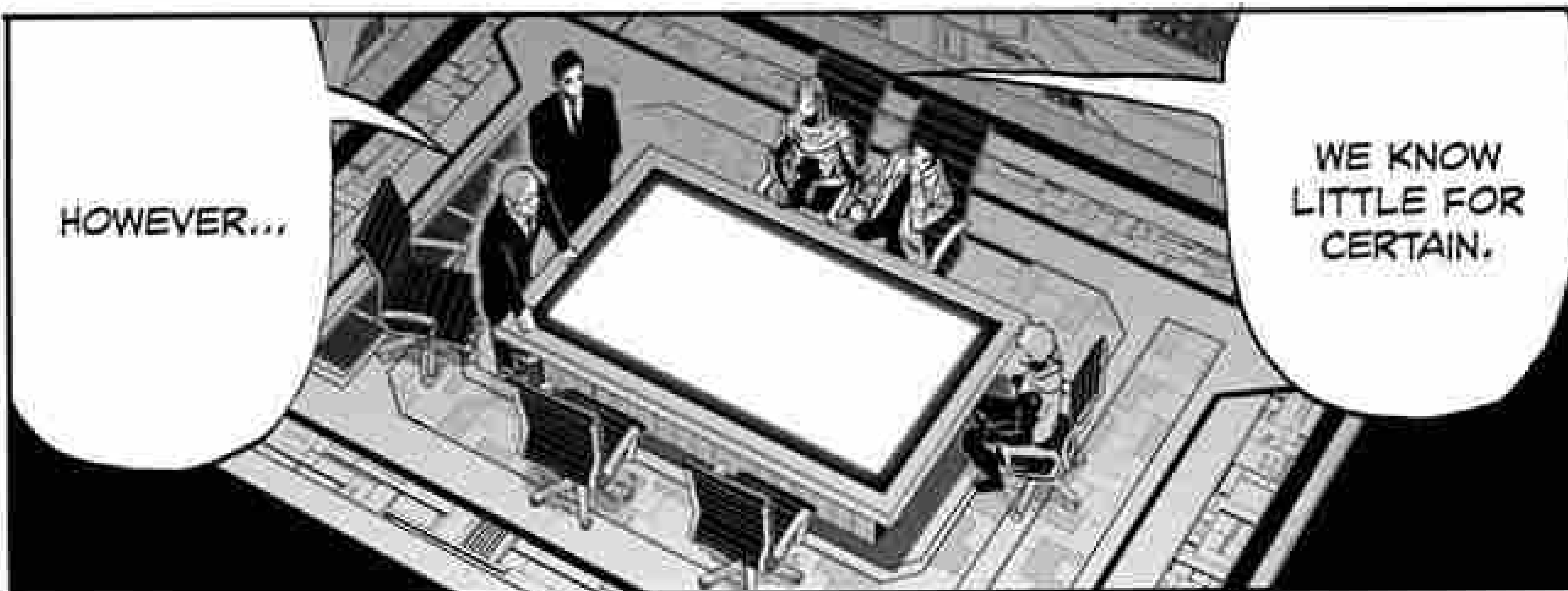
BUT WAS
BALD
CAPE...





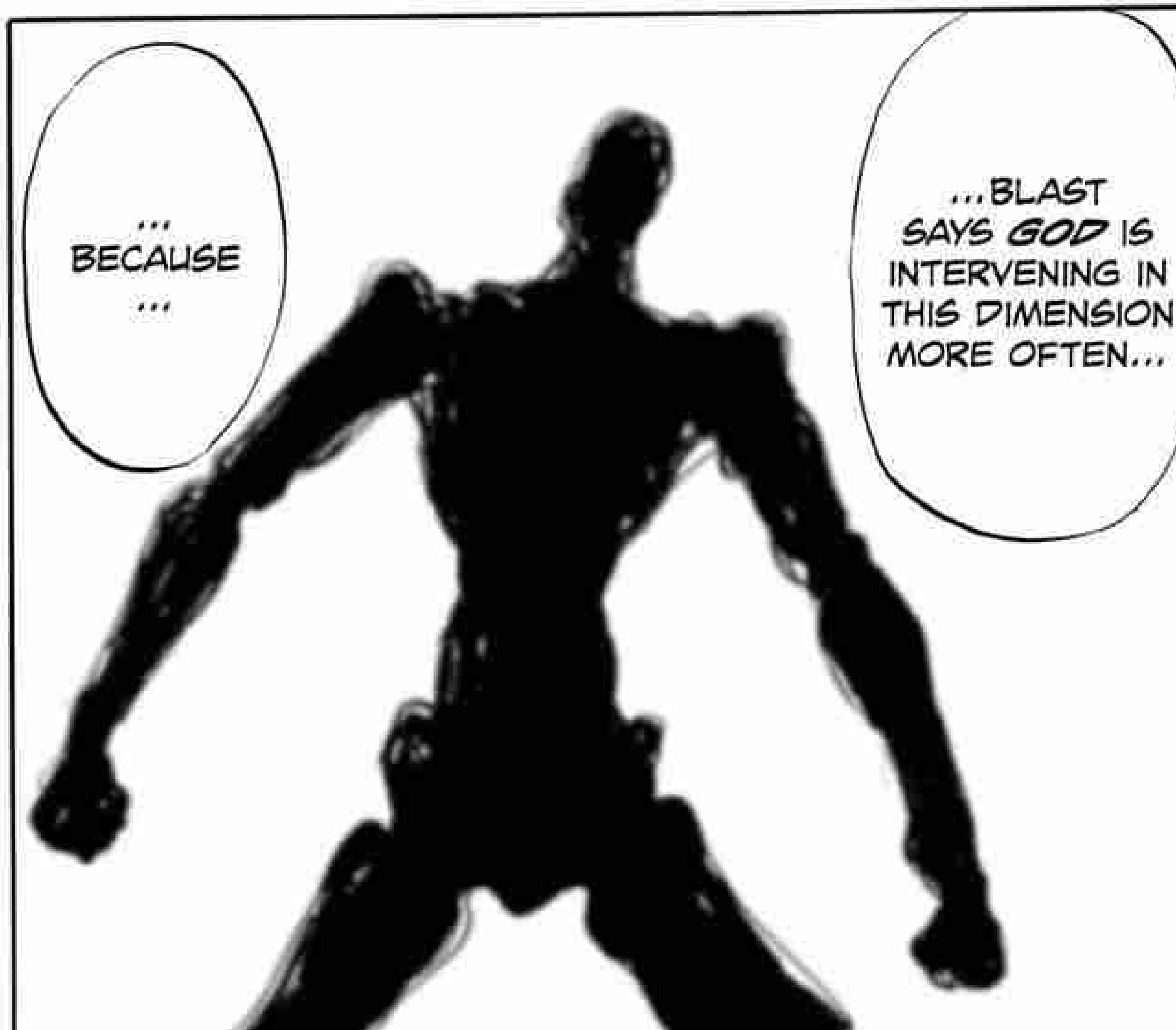
THIS IS
IMPORTANT!
BUT
NO ONE
REMEM-
BERS?!

HE DOESN'T
REMEMBER
DUE TO THE
SHOCK OF
THE PUNCH.



HOWEVER...

WE KNOW
LITTLE FOR
CERTAIN.



...
BECAUSE
...

...BLAST
SAYS *GOD* IS
INTERVENING IN
THIS DIMENSION
MORE OFTEN...

...SOMETHING
HERE IS
ATTRACTING ITS
ATTENTION.



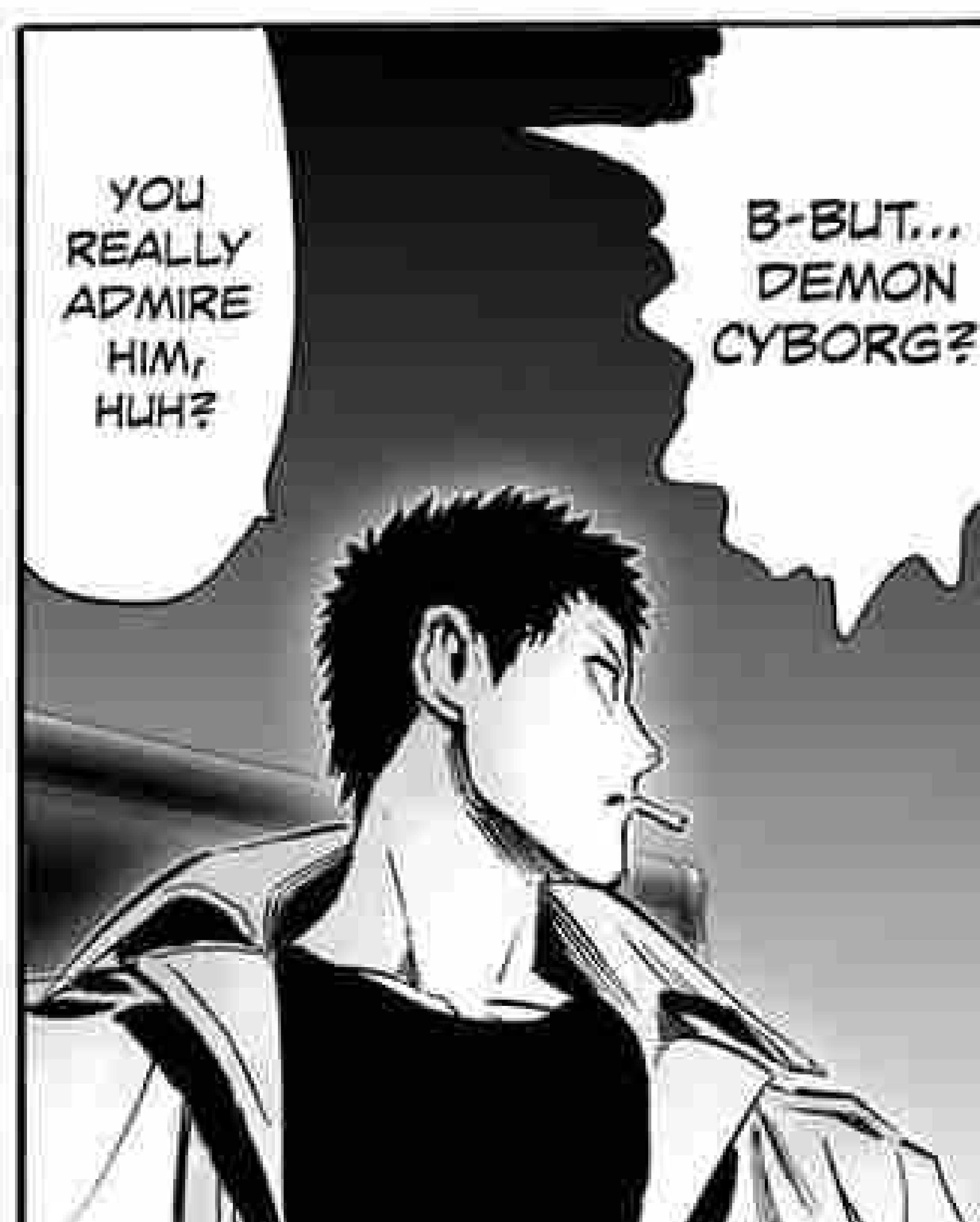
UNTIL THEN,
SOLIDARITY
AND UNITY
ARE TOP
PRIORITY!

ANYWAY,
BLAST
WILL FIND
A WAY TO
DEFEAT
THIS
THREAT!

LIKE
WHAT?

THAT'S
UNDER
INVESTI-
GATION.







I'LL
MAKE HIM
REGRET
GOING
BEHIND
MY BACK.

...TO
HURRY
UP WITH
GOD,
SO HE
CAN
FIGHT
ME.



SITCH,
TELL
BLAST...

CHAK
9



THAT'S
A TALL
ORDER
AROUND
HERE.

UNITY?

HEY!
FLASH!

GOOD-
BYE.



"IN EXCHANGE
FOR REMOVING
HIS LIMITERS,
HE LOST HIS
HAIR."

...

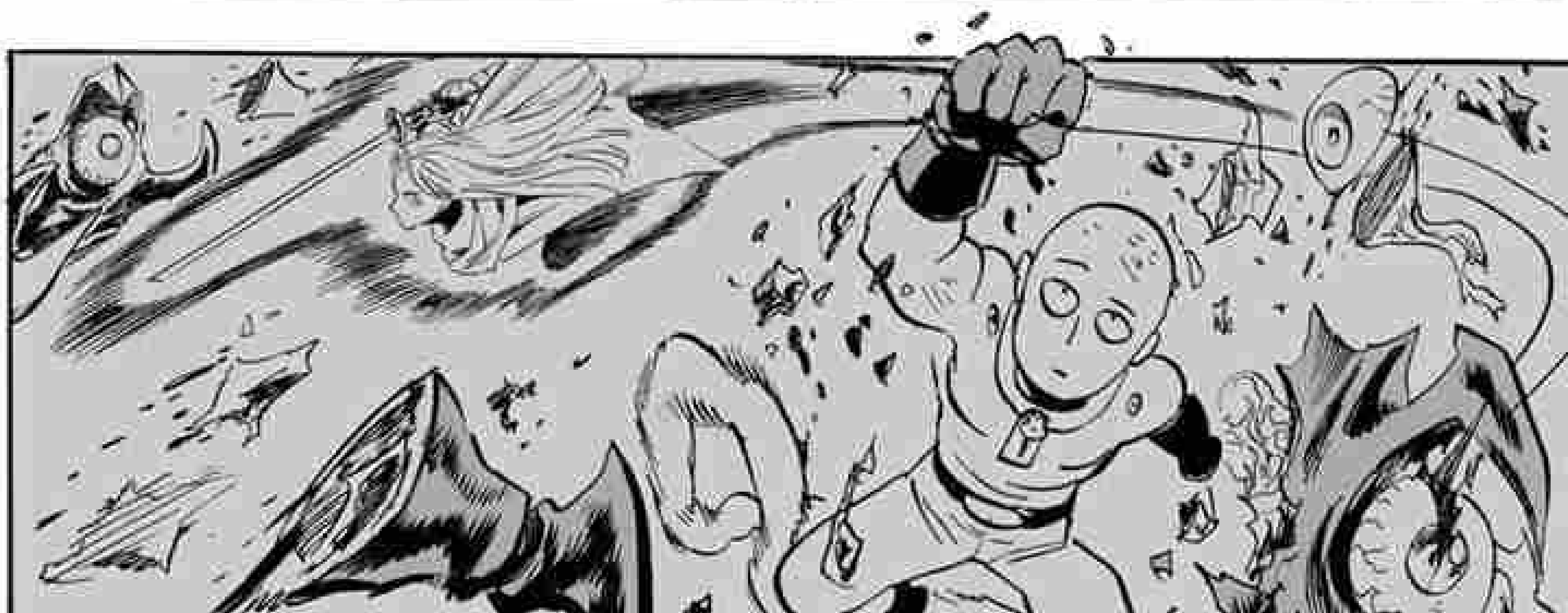
*THE ONE WITH
NO LIMITS...*



*DEMON CYBORG
IS BIASED, SO
HE MIGHT BE
EXAGGERATING.*



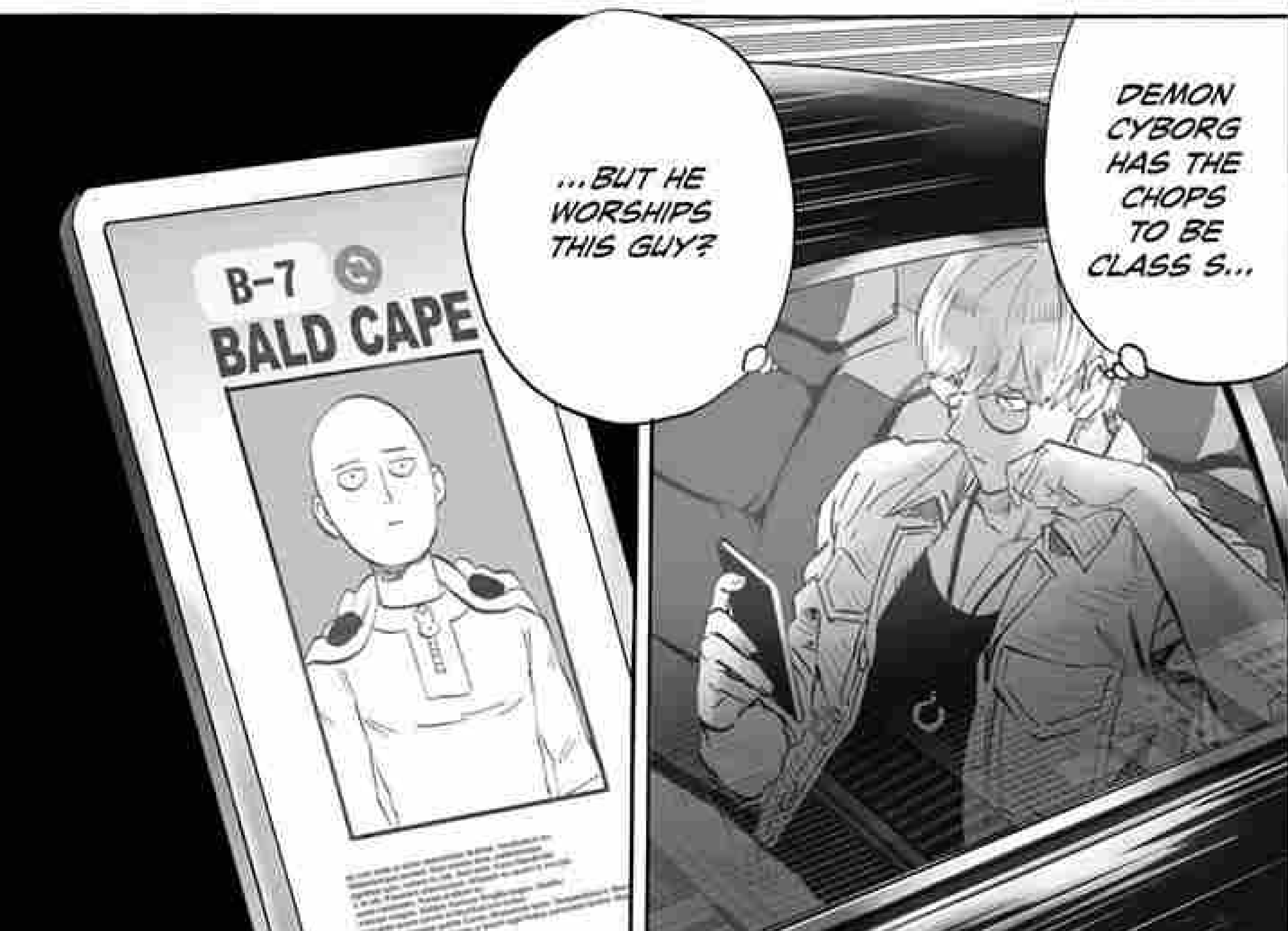
*I THOUGHT
BALD CAPE
WAS DEMON
CYBORG'S
FLUNKY,
BUT IT'S THE
OTHER WAY
AROUND.*





OR
MAYBE
BALD
CAPE...

...IS A ROUGH GEM
THAT MIGHT SHINE
WITH POLISH.



...BUT HE
WORSHIPS
THIS GUY?

DEMON
CYBORG
HAS THE
CHOPS
TO BE
CLASS S...

B-7
BALD CAPE



*AN IDEAL
HERO...*



To be continued!